

CHAPTER NO. 648

HOUSE BILL NO. 2359

By Representative Bone, West

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2280

By Senator Rochelle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 42, Part 1, relative to employee assistance professionals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-42-112, is amended by deleting the words "may apply" and by substituting instead the words "shall apply".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-42-113, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (21):

(21) Any person found to be practicing as an employee assistance professional as defined in Section 62-42-111, and without the benefit of licensure under Tennessee Code Annotated Title 33, 63 or 68, shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and assessment of the maximum licensing fee.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-42-116, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (c):

(c) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent a qualified member of other professional group licensed under Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33, 63 or 68, from doing or advertising that such member performs employee assistance services consistent with the accepted standards of their respective professions.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-42-117, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 11, 1998


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 24th day of March 1998


DON SNODGRASS, GOVERNOR